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1 - Modeling decision processes of a green supply chain with regulation on energy saving level
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In this study, we analyze the impact of threshold value of energy saving level set by the policy maker on energy saving level and price set by green supply chains. Then, the decision of the policy maker and the coordination of a supply chain are investigated. The results suggest that both regulation and supply chain structure have significant impacts on energy savings and profits. From the observations, we can conclude that the coordination and regulation should be advocated if energy savings are important and regulation is implemented.

2 - An Evaluation of the World’s Major Airlines’ Technical and Environmental Performance
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This study uses bootstrapped VRS-DEA models to examine environmental and technical efficiency of airlines. 48 world’s major full-service (FSCs) and low-cost carriers (LCCs) are chosen from six different IATA regions. Our results show that a large number of the most technical efficient airlines are from the region China and North Asia while many of the most environmental efficient airlines belong to the region Europe and Russia. We also found that although the number of environmentally-oriented FSCs is increasing over the time, LCCs can still be seen as more environmentally-oriented airlines.

3 - Financial Feasibility Analysis for Project Selection
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The focus of project management has been on enhancing methods on how to run projects efficiently, on time and within budget. The pre-project effort has often been neglected. In recent years more emphasis has been directed to this pre-project effort and methods of feasibility analysis tools have developed. One of the key components in feasibility analysis is a financial analysis aimed at assessing the profitability of a project and thus supporting the project selection and justification. This paper discusses these models and how they are used in project selection and project justification.

2 - Factors Influencing Collaboration Among International Humanitarian NGOs: An Empirical Analysis
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This paper empirically investigates the factors influencing horizontal collaboration performance among international NGOs conducting humanitarian operations, providing a systematic view of the drivers and impediments to collaboration. Theories and concepts from interorganizational relationships constitute the study’s theoretical foundation. Data are collected through a web-survey of International NGOs in 25 countries, and I use structural equation modeling to examine the proposed hypotheses.

3 - Locating vulnerable temporary depots prior to a natural disaster
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This talk addresses the problem of temporary supply depot (SD) locations in anticipation of a natural disaster (e.g. hurricane). Vulnerability of SDs is mentioned in previous works. We develop this line of work by modeling the assignment of protection levels to SDs that will decrease their chance to be affected by the disaster. We also consider vulnerability of route segments involved in supply distribution between SDs and DPs (demand points) by applying some ideas from the Influence Maximization literature. Numerical examples will be presented to contrast with existing models.

1 - Optimal Control Policies for Ambulance Diversion
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We consider optimal ambulance diversion control policies with the objective of minimizing patients’ waiting time higher than a recommended safety time threshold. We model the problem using a Markov decision process formulation, and characterize the structure of an optimal ambulance diversion policy. We compare the performance of the optimal policy with simple heuristics using a simulation model, and analyze the value of information in ambulance diversion decisions.

2 - DES modeling of an EMS call center
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Each year, the Ambulance Care Dispatch Centres in the Netherlands handle more than a million calls. Ambulance organisations respond to more than 1,000,000 call-outs, 66% of which are urgent. These involve situations that may be life-threatening or may result in serious damage to health. The other 34% of call-outs involve planned transport. The ambulance care dispatch centres handle urgent calls from the national 112-emergency number and, via a different incoming line, requests from the police, general practitioners or other health care providers. Apart from handling the incoming calls, the di